



Chairperson Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 5, 2009

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien in Detroit, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Jerome Warfield (**ABS**)
Toney Stewart (**ABS**)
Adela Rivera

Lt. Robbin Bradford
Sgt. William Hart
Sgt. Darren Johnson
Sgt. Shirley Berger
P.O. Shannon Salisbury
P.O. Kevin Brathwaite

Department Personnel Present

Chief Warren Evans
AC Lawrence Meyer
DC Herbert Moreland
DC James Tate
DC Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. Stephen Carlin
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Frankie Lewis
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Insp. Eric Jones
Insp. Darryl Brown
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O-Steen
Sgt. Michael Dailey
Sgt. Romel Alexander
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Lucretia Wright
P.O. Roland Clark

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator (**ABS**)
Dalph Watson, Director of Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Curtis Staples, Supervising Inv.
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Jones
Eddie Jones
Jonathan Jones

Ron Scott
Lisa Jones

Marc Deldin
Isis Jones

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

Lisa Little

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Griffin called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, November 5, 2009

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, October 29, 2009

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

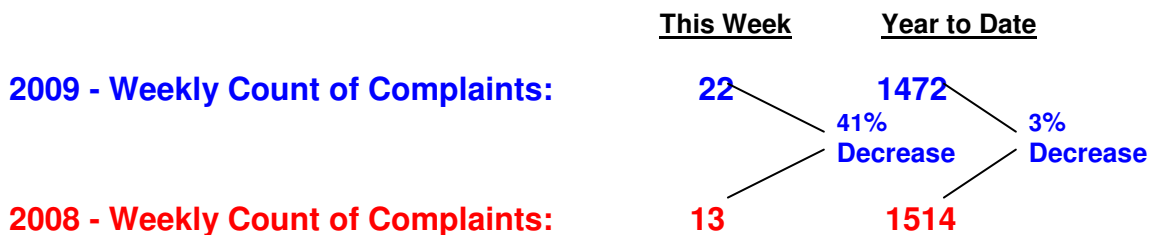
2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Wednesday, November 11, 2009, in observance of Veterans Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,134** active investigations, of which **921** of those are for 2009. A total of **1,600** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 11/05/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Bias	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	CENTRAL		1							1	2
3	EASTERN		1				2			1	4
1	SOUTHWESTERN		1				1				2
1	COMMUNICATIONS									1	1
3	GANG ENFORCEMENT		2				3				5
7	UNKNOWN		3				3		1	3	10
2	6TH PRECINCT		1				2				3
1	8TH PRECINCT		1								1
2	12TH PRECINCT		2	1			1				4
22			12	1			12		1	6	32

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, November 12, 2009

@ 6:30 P.M.

Boys & Girls Club of SE MI
16500 Tireman
Detroit, Michigan 48228

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On October 27, 2009, officers of the Twelfth Precinct responded to 15000 block of LaSalle on an “Assault & Battery” run and a subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault), Felony Firearm, and Domestic Violence.” Several weapons were recovered.

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	20500 Conant	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	892-5456
	7737 Kercheval	* 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	* 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Child Abuse

On October 30, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District were given information on a missing person with a child in the 3000 block of Holcomb. As a result of their investigation, the missing person and the child were recovered unharmed.



Southwestern District

On October 29, 2009, following the investigation by officers of the Southwestern District, two subjects were arrested for assaults that took place in the 1000 block of Campbell. The subjects were charged with "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder and Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder."



Twelfth Precinct

On October 27, 2009, officers of the Twelfth precinct were in the area of Santa Maria and Pinehurst, when they investigated an individual for a civil infraction. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Resisting & Obstructing a Police Officer (Resulting in an Injury), and Resisting & Obstructing." A weapon was recovered.

Eastern District

On October 26, 2009, officers of the Eastern District responded to 14000 block of East Warren on a "Breaking & Entering Alarm." Subsequent to their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering of a Building with Intent, Habitual 2nd, and Motor Vehicle Advisory." The stolen property was recovered.



PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

**REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT OF INSP. STEPHEN CARLIN
TO THE RANK OF COMMANDER AND LT. ERIC JONES TO THE RANK OF
INSPECTOR**

Insp. Stephen Carlin

MOTION: Comm. Rivera made the motion to approve the Appointment.

SECOND: Comm. Okdie seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Lt. Eric Jones

MOTION: Comm. Rivera made the motion to approve the Appointment.

SECOND: Comm. Okdie seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

SEE ATTACHMENT

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

SEE ATTACHMENT

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 12, 2009
6th Precinct
NFL Youth Education Town/Boys & Girls Club
16500 Tireman
Detroit, MI 48228

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

SEE ATTACHMENT

ATTACHMENTS

Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
November 5, 2009
3:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Call the Board of Police Commissioners meeting to order. I am Reverend Ronald Griffin, the Chair of this Board. I have two esteemed colleagues with me. Vice-Chair of the Board Commissioner Mohamed Okdie and Commissioner Adela Rivera and we need somebody to represent the Chief. I see Assistant Chief Meyer coming in. We're glad to have him today. We have Dante' Goss, Celia Banks-Washington, Mr. Sheard is being replaced today by Curtis Staples, the Director of Police Personnel Dalph Watson is here, Lieutenant Daniel Allen, I thought I saw him somewhere, Leslie Griffin, I don't see her, and we have police officer Kent Cooper. Also we have Brother Terrence Bell, Police Officer Terrence Bell, Robert

Brown and Lisa Little. Let the record reflect that Chief Warren Evans is here. I would entertain approval of the agenda, please.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So moved.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Support.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: It's been properly moved and supported. All those in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Approval of the minutes.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: So moved.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Second.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: It's been properly moved and seconded. All those in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: **Secretary's Report.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOSS: Commissioners, the Board of Police Commissioners Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. The weekly count of complaints from

2009 was 22, year-to-date 1,472. The weekly count of complaints for 2008 from the same week was 13, year-to-date 1,513. This is a three percent decrease from last year. The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total 1,134 active investigations of which 921 are from 2009. A total of 1,600 investigations have been closed since January 1st, 2009. This concludes the Secretary's Report.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Let me make two comments about the report. I've made comments in the past. I'm going to be discussing this with my colleagues. This will probably be the last time we will have a Secretary's Report of this nature. It serves no useful purpose to the community. I think what I'm going to be recommending to the Commissioners is that perhaps we have a monthly report that does inquiry-cause analysis, that is complaint cause analysis that speaks to the trends that we have determined exist as a result of the complaints from the community, and then pass that information on to the Chief, and then let's put some corrective actions in place in order to address it. So I'll be reporting back but just stand on notice this will probably be the last time we simply regurgitate statistics on a weekly basis that serve no useful purpose whatsoever.

The next thing we'll be dealing with that I'll talk more about with Commissioner Okdie will be addressing several

administrative issues. You need to be aware that it doesn't make much sense to have the title of Executive Director which is not correct and then call it a Secretary's Report. We'll be addressing all of those issues and I'll speak to them a little later.

Chief, there are two things that I think are going come under your purview. We're going to get a report from the Fire Department on an issue that we raised, and I understand you have two promotions that you have brought before this Board in seeking our approval.

CHIEF EVANS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you so much. Is this the appropriate time?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I think so.

CHIEF EVANS: The first promotion I'm recommending is for Steven Carlen who is currently an Inspector in the Detroit Police Department. He's assigned to the Operations Portfolio. He's been a police officer since 1977. He's worked precincts. He's worked special events. He's worked the property room. He's worked a number of places and has done a distinguished job in those places. He's been invaluable to me and he has been invaluable to AC Meyer in terms of trying to build a foundation that you and I've talked about before in terms of the foundation of moving forward. So I would ask for your concurrence in my recommendation to promote Inspector

Steven Carlen to the rank of Commander of the Detroit Police Department.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So moved.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Question.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Question from Commissioner Okdie.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Chief, can you tell us, please, about the inspector position. What is the allocation of inspectors? How many vacancies do we have, now that we are about to promote one inspector to commander level?

CHIEF EVANS: I think we may have, I'm not positive, we may have one Commander vacancy if the next promotion goes through up to the rank of Inspector, but I'm sure it's no more than that.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Can you tell us about the Commander level vacancies, I'm sorry, Inspector.

CHIEF EVANS: That's what you just asked me.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Is that the one that has one more vacancy?

CHEIF EVANS: With Inspector, there would be one more vacancy. I don't think there would be any vacancies to the rank of Commander.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: How many vacancies do we have in the rank of Inspector?

CHIEF EVANS: I think after this promotion there will be one. There will be either one or zero after this promotion.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: So right now--

CHIEF EVANS: There is a vacancy.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: --there are no vacancies?

CHIEF EVANS: There is currently a vacancy for Inspector and if you concur with my recommendation, then there will be no other vacancy left over at this point.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: For Inspector?

CHIEF EVANS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Oh, so we're promoting this person to the rank of Inspector?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Not this one.

CHIEF EVANS: I'm promoting one to the rank of Commander and the one that I haven't addressed yet would be promoted from Lieutenant to Inspector.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Oh, I see. But the motion is to promote to Commander.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Correct.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: And we didn't discuss the other one yet.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Okay, because I was confused.
Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: It's been properly moved and seconded. All those in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you. Is that person here, Chief?

CHIEF EVANS: Yes, Commander Carlen is standing right there.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Okay. We'll have them both step forward. The second one, please.

CHIEF EVANS: The second one for your concurrence is my recommendation for promotion of Lieutenant Eric Jones from the rank of Police Lieutenant to the rank to the rank of Police Inspector. Lieutenant Jones has had a distinguished career, I think, in the terms of the street and enforcement. He's a college graduate and a second or third year law school student currently. He works in Operations Portfolio. I don't think it's any surprise to anyone in here that he's also been a partner of mine on the street on many occasions. He has a distinguished

record of getting guns off the street of the City of Detroit when he works Special Ops in the Eastern District and some others. He's a fantastic police officer in my mind, and I would ask for your concurrence in my recommendation to promote him to the rank of Inspector in the Detroit Police Department.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So moved.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: It's been moved by Rivera and I'll support the motion.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Question?

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: From what department is he a Lieutenant now?

CHIEF EVANS: Currently, he is a Lieutenant assigned to the Operations Portfolio. He will be transferred in about twenty minutes if you approve this to the Mobile Strike Force.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: I don't mean to prolong your promotion.

CHIEF EVANS: No, I'm just saying he will be immediately transferred to the Mobile Strike Force. He's a gun-chaser and that's what I need. He's going to be taking over the Mobile Strike Force and Inspector Darrell Brown will be working to take narcotics off the street very quickly and I think we'll be moving in the right direction.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Okay. All right.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: It's been properly moved and seconded. All those in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: So ordered. If both of those two gentlemen will come forward and give a chance to introduce yourselves and have some comments.

COMMANDER CARLEN: Afternoon, Board and Chief. I want to thank you for this opportunity. I've been a police officer for nearly 32 years and I look forward to serving in the future and I will give it my all. Thank you, again. Did you have any questions for me?

CHIEF EVANS: Mr. Chairman, he's a baby. He's only been around for 32 years. I've been around for 40, just to get some perspective.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Pretty soon you'll have some understanding of what you're doing. You're getting kind of close.

COMMANDER CARLEN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Congratulations.

INSPECTOR JONES: I would like to thank you, Chief. It is an honor to receive your recommendation to the rank of

Inspector. I would also like to thank you for your crash course in leadership and true crime analysis among other things. I would also ask that AC Meyer stand. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity and for giving me a crash course in police management. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Would you like to thank the Commission for approving this?

INSPECTOR JONES: I would like to thank this Honorable Board for approving Chief Evans' recommendation.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: And just before you leave, just to further embarrass you, you have two important people here that I think everybody should know. Why don't you introduce them.

INSPECTOR JONES: I have four important people here. My parents, thank you for dealing with me, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Mary Jones. And to my wife Lisa Jones. And to my daughter Isis Jones and my son Jonathan Jones.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you so much. Chief, we have a representative from the Detroit Fire Department. Would you like to bring them forward and introduce them and we'll talk about where we're going at this time.

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDANT WILSON: I would like to introduce myself. I'm Acting Assistant Superintendent Joe Wilson from the Detroit Fire Department and I represent the

EMS Division. I've been asked to come here to speak about our John Doe policy and I would entertain any questions related to EMS runs, specifically for anyone that is unconscious or unresponsive who may not have identification on their person.

On the presentation that I was asked to do, a specific run occurred on July 24th, 2009 to Sinai Grace Hospital. Our department has done a diligent search for this particular run sheet, and at the present time they are unable to locate this particular run sheet related to this time and date. I just was on the telephone to the Chief of our Communications which is Chief Victor Bryant. And he's doing a digital search through the communication voice logs for this information. I just had the opportunity and pleasure to speak to Commissioner Rivera. She's given me some additional information about this particular run, and what I will do is confirm with her staff to do a more diligent search to try to come up with an answer as to where the run sheet may be, and how EMS handled this run.

We don't classify John Does on EMS. When an EMS unit arrives, the EMS may find a person that does not have identification on their person. Because of the medical or because of the injury, they may not be able to provide that information to the crew or to the hospital. And unfortunately, this individual that was severely assaulted was unable to do either. He arrived at Sinai-Grace Hospital and was treated and

admitted at the hospital, and what usually occurs is that when an EMS unit arrives, they arrive in tandem with police, but sometimes the EMS unit will make the scene without police coverage in an assault run. Anyone down that has a questionable mechanism or injury may be a violent run. So usually the EMS unit will wait for police coverage. The facts that are coming up on the run, this unit may not have waited for police coverage because of the condition of the person, they chose to arrive on the scene and transport this individual to Grace Hospital. What usually occurs in that instance, once the unit arrives at the hospital, the police scout will usually arrive after the person has been admitted to the hospital and will usually follow up with a report on what occurred. And that's what usually occurs, but apparently, it didn't happen in this situation. Are there any questions? I'm here to answer any questions.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: To the Board; do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So then you'll be giving us a follow-up report when you find your information?

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WILSON: Yes, ma'am. As soon as Executive Director Goss is able to access that document and get it to me either by e-mail or fax, we're going to do diligent background research on that and I'll report directly to you Commissioner Rivera.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: And will you let us know if there's any procedural changes that we need to make either between our departments or in either department? Because the purpose of this is to make sure that no one falls through the cracks again.

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WILSON: Yes, ma'am. I will ensure, and I don't think that this is the form for that, but I will work hand and hand between our communication system out at CSU and the actual Chief of EMS, which is Chief James Keslue, to give you a report on the process. This incident, and I want to assure the public that this incident is something that does not normally occur that we can't retrieve information on a particular run or that our partners in public safety, which is the Detroit Police Department, don't do a diligent follow up on an assault. Apparently this was an assault in which the victim was beaten so severely that he remained in a coma. What usually occurs again is that the police normally follow up at the hospital. Now I have a question about this run because the hospital has a responsibility also to notify the police of an act of violence, once the doctors deem that this person has sustained injuries from violence that a police officer should have been notified then. So there are a lot of questions about your friend that I want to help you to solve.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: We were told that it's their policy to do that, but, of course, we can't sanction them in any way because remember a hospital is a private entity and we're public safety so we want to make sure that our own responsibilities are covered.

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WILSON: Right. Between 150,000 runs that EMS runs a year, I'm telling you one incident like this is too much. So what I'll do is as soon as Executive Director Goss gets me that information we're going to make sure that there is a diligent search and I know from my 19 years of experience that the Detroit Police Department in conjunction with EMS have a good communication process. It may need to be tweaked because somehow the follow-up information in that park between the responding police unit and the transporting EMS unit didn't coincide. So somebody freed up. So that means that between the dispatch system, maybe the dispatcher cleared the police officer of the run or the EMS unit failed to give additional information that they needed to scout to proceed to the hospital to do the report.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Okay. That being said, I just want you to know that EMS was not fault in any of this in terms of getting him to the hospital. They didn't wait for the police. He was so severely injured they took him right to the hospital

and that was really more important then finding out who he was at that point.

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDNET WILSON: Oh, I understand.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: We don't want EMS thinking that we're mad at them.

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WILSON: At, this point I'll take it. We need that type of support, but it is a team work approach also so we want to make sure that, like you say, that our system is reviewed for any needed improvements, and we don't have a problem with any type of inquiry into the process and I would like to encourage the public to make that challenge to EMS as well. Also our processes stand for review and if they need to be changed then we're here to be able to listen to the public to be able to make those changes.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you, Captain. It is Captain isn't it?

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WILSON: It is Acting Chief right now. I just wish that I could get with the Police Chief's promotion system.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioner Rivera, in about two minutes can you just give us for the Board and for the record and for those of us in the audience about a two minute

synopsis of what got us to this point and why we have Acting Chief Wilson here today.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Very quickly. A friend of mine moved his business from my area of Southwest Detroit to 6 mile and I-75. He was walking his dog in the park and he was assaulted and left for dead. A lady happened to be jogging in the park and noticed him down on the ground and his little dog was next to him. She came over and attempted to talk to him and she couldn't so she called EMS or 911. 911 came and his injuries were so severe that they just snatched him up and took him to the hospital. In the mean time he had taken his wallet with his ID and money out of his pocket because he was walking in the park and he left it under his floor mat in his car. Of course, no one knew that at the time. The lady took his dog, his car keys, and his cell phone and EMS took him. It was three days before the Detroit Police Department had made a report on it, and even though the family had gone to the precinct several times to make a report, they were told that the complainant has to come in and make the report. And the wife and the son said he can't because he is in a coma and they said well the report should be made at the hospital. So they kept going back and forth back and forth, and it wasn't until Sunday night, he was assaulted on Friday, so Sunday night when I finally called the

12th Precinct and got someone involved in it. And he is still to this day in the hospital.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: So we will follow and I heard you mention--thank you so much Commissioner Rivera. I heard you say Assistant Chief that you expect to get some information from Mr. Goss.

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WILSON: That's for sure.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Okay. And he's going to get that to you--what is today's date?

(Confirmation was given that today's date is November 5th.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: He will have it for you one week from today. Thank you so much. And you'll notify us if it's not there, won't you?

ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WILSON: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you so much. We aim just to work together with one another. Thank you again.

Standing Committee Reports. New Business.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I'm going to--you had your hand up?

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: I just wanted to let everyone know that this past week Celia, I, and Ainsley Cromwell attended a Civilian Oversight in Law Enforcement Conference in Austin,

Texas. We found it very, very informative. We have some new fresh ideas that we're going to be trying to implement here. I just want to let you know that we had a very good time and they have a lot of respect in Austin for the City of Detroit we are held in very high esteem. We had a very good time and I'm looking forward to bringing some fresh ideas to our department that we learned. There were 60 or 70 different police departments that were there, some from Canada and some from Europe so it was a very large convention, and we had a very good time. Of course, the City sent us so thank you. We did learn a lot and I'm looking forward to sharing some of the stuff that we learned.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I'm going to be speaking to some issues that the Board faces. I want to prepare you for next week's meeting on the 12th. I want you all to know that this Board takes seriously its Charter-mandated responsibilities. There are a number of issues that we're in the process of addressing, and I will be giving a status on where we are with them. Not necessarily in priority order but first is our issues related to the function of the Board of Police Commissioners. We got to get our own house in order. Commissioner Okdie is going to take the lead responsibility on that and we will be talking about the things we're going to be doing that heretofore we have not done but we have the responsibility to do.

You heard Commissioner Rivera talking about the NACOLES, a conference of on National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement. There will be a detailed report within the next 30 days that speaks to what we're going to be doing to bring ourselves more in line with where the nationals are. She spoke more about them having fun than any substance they got from it, but I'll promise you that in fact we'll be giving you some understanding of where we are and how we rate with national organizations like ours.

Issues with regard to pursuing conflict resolution between the Gang Squad and related concerns for the community. I met with Chief Evans and this is a little editorial comment, but I'll make it. I've told you more than once and I'm going to continue to tell you - nobody can continue to bring issues to this Board and we not address it. I will be working with the Chief and others Wayne State University, and other entities that are experts in conflict resolution. We're going to bring members of the community, member of Gang Squad and others, that we think can contribute and we're going to talk about what we need to do to jointly to work together to get where we need to get with respect to these issues.

Next is towing. That will be the focal point of our presentation, but not all that we talk about. We're going to deal with the chronology of events, result of audits, the task

force report, our Board's authority to pursuant to the Charter, and several next steps that we're going to take. We'll be discussing that.

There's another hat that I wear that I'll be reporting on what we've done. I serve as Chair of a Task Force appointed by Mayor Dave Bing. I have used that responsibility and that position along with being a Police Commissioner to address what are the pressing needs of us getting on top of community relations, particularly crime and the activities of our youth. I have met with a number of community activists. We have produced the report. I gave the presentation last week to a clergy roundtable and those members of all the individuals that I met with, they will be getting their reports within the next several days. We'll talk about what we're going to be doing in that regard.

Finally, the Consent Decree. I will give you an update, a status on where we are with the process of transparency and what actions this Board has taken. Those are the issues that we will be discussing next Thursday. And I'm going to close on this note that is this part of the report, to say again this Board hears what everyone has to say. We have a responsibility. We are the community and we have a responsibility of oversight of the Police Department. There is no competition nor analysis or anguish between myself and the

Chief. We work hand in hand and we're going to address those issues. I likewise work with members of the community. I have met with Mr. Ron Scott, Malik Shabazz, Minister Bro. Mouchettee Muhammad, Benny White, and a host of others individuals who are out on the street. And I have made a report to the Mayor on the things that I think we need to do. I've likewise met with 3rd Deputy Chief Turner and Sergeant Daran Carey. There are some things that I believe we can do to fix our problems, and fix them in a way that meets everybody's expectation. So hear me good. This is where this Board is. We're going to be working diligently to fix these issues. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Any **Old Business**. The **next meeting is November 12th at 6:30**. It will be held at the **6th Precinct area NFL Youth Education Town - Boys and Girls Club at 16500 Tireman**.

At this point, this is now the time for **Oral Communications from the audience**. As I have been requesting those individuals who have something to say to please line up at this time. Anybody that does not line up, I'll just assume that you have nothing to say. I've given you double the time than I normally have and I wish that everybody will come at this time. Thank you so much. Come Mrs. Smith.

BERNICE SMITH: Good afternoon. My name is Bernice Smith and I have a problem. I have applied for a position with

the school board on their committee. I would like to very much have my ID as the first African American Police Commissioner since 1973 and I cannot complete my bio unless I have that in my paperwork. I would like to have a certificate or something to ID myself, Mr. Goss. I've gone through how many police chiefs? And I'm just a little frustrated. I'm not getting any younger. I'm 76 years old and I would like to have that ID since you're not going to have a celebration for us. I would just like to have that ID so I can give it to the Superintendent Robert Bobb. Is that asking too much of this Commission?

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: You're asking for an identification?

BERNICE SMITH: That is correct, yes.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: You've got to let me finish my question.

BERNICE SMITH: Alright. My picture's not up there.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: You're asking for an identification from the Board or the Department as the first African American female Commissioner appointed?

BERNICE SMITH: That is correct, yes.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: And that was in 1976.

BERNICE SMITH: That is correct.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: The appointing agent for this Board is not the Chief--

BERNICE SMITH: No, I'm just saying how many Chiefs that I went through.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Okay. You've got to let me finish.

BERNICE SMITH: Okay, come on.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Okay. I'm done. Thank you.

BERNICE SMITH: Congratulations anyway. I worked hard for you to be there.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Let me just fix this. I want to deal with you Mrs. Smith, let me just do this. Anybody else that wants to speak now is the time to line up. Okay. This will be the last one and then we will be adjourning. We've got some research to do. The Mayor does the appointing.

BERNICE SMITH: It's on record.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Mrs. Smith, I'm going to try to help you, honest to God that I am. You've come to us--let me simplify this. Do the research and find it. (Speaking to Executive Director Goss.) Thank you very much. We have your request and we're going to find what you're looking for.

BERNICE SMITH: How soon can I get a reply then? Because if I have to send the paperwork into the Board--

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: When do you have to send your paperwork in?

BERNICE SMITH: I want to send it in no sooner than--well, at least next week, next Monday because I've talked with him.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: We'll jump on this first thing in the morning and do the best that we can to research. You're asking us to go back to 1976.

BERNICE SMITH: That's correct - they know it. They've got it already. We're supposed to have some kind of dinner, but your budget didn't allow for us to have a dinner so just give me a certificate.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Sister Smith?

BERNICE SMITH: Yes, dear.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: You want us to find some records. You have more confidence in the record keeping and administration than we do. We'll see if we can find what you need and if we can't find the exact record of it, then we will go to the Mayor ourselves and hand walk it through to make sure that you get what you need. We'll start on it tomorrow, but I can't tell you how fast that we'll get it done.

BERNICE SMITH: You have to go to Mayor Bing you're speaking about?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: The Mayor is who appoints, the City Council approves--

BERNICE SMITH: But I was not appointed, baby. I'm trying to tell you that it was Coleman, Coleman Young.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Okay. I don't think that I can get Coleman Young.

BERNICE SMITH: I know you can't. So why are we going to Bing when he doesn't know nothing about it? Alright, I'm going to leave it alone. I'm going to leave it alone.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Because it's an administrative process done by the Executive Branch of the Government and the Executive--

BERNICE SMITH: I understand that.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: You have to listen.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Point of order.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE. You have to listen.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioner, point of order.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: You have to listen, my goodness.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioner, that's enough.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: I'm trying to help her.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioner, let me do this. Let me handle this. I got this. Sister Smith, we're going to start on it first thing in the morning. And I'm going to do the very best that I can and as fast as I can. The only reason that I won't give you a specific date is like I said, you have more

confidence in record keeping than I do. I can't tell you they'll be able to go and find it tomorrow. If they can, wonderful and I'll have them contact you. Get her number right now and if we can find it tomorrow, I'll make it happen tomorrow. That's what I'm pledging to you.

BERNICE SMITH: You want my information, I got it.
Can I give it to you?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Absolutely.

BERNICE SMITH: Alright, I'll bring it to you
because I've waited too long. I might die tomorrow and I won't have it.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Well, we pray that you don't.

BERNICE SMITH: Yeah, I hope not either.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Any others? So be it. Meeting
adjourned. Thank you.

(Board of Police Commissioners Meeting adjourned at 3:38
p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

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